

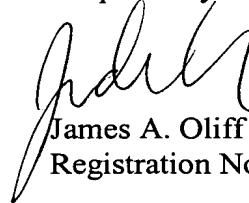
REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-25, and 29-32 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 18 are amended.

The Amendment does not affect the disclosure or require substantial work on the part of the Patent Office. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this Amendment.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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